
YOUTH HOME

MISSION

The mission of the Youth Home is to provide secure custody (detention services) to juveniles awaiting disposition of their cases in the courts. Detention services are for the protection of juveniles and the safety of the community. One of the Youth Home's primary objectives is to provide an environment that fosters good physical and emotional care of juveniles detained at the facility.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Durham County Youth Home is a secure detention facility that provides care for children between the ages of nine (9) and sixteen (16) who have been detained by the courts. Durham's Youth Home is one of fourteen (14) juvenile detention facilities in North Carolina designated to detain children needing secure custody supervision.

The Youth Home has the capacity to provide juveniles with custodial care including meals, clothing, bedding, routine medical attention, structured programs, and counseling in an emotionally safe environment while being detained at the facility. The residents are monitored and supervised twenty (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week by both male and female counseling staff, thus insuring that the juveniles being detained will be kept in safe custody pending future disposition of the cases by the courts.

2002-03 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Implemented plans to update security measures at the current Youth Home facility.
- Increased training of Youth Home staff regarding County policies and procedures.
- Completed HIPPA regulated training procedures.
- Developed relationships with other county agencies in reducing Youth Home expenditures.

2003-04 OBJECTIVES

- Develop Anti-gang/Intervention strategies.
- Continue to work on Youth Home security upgrades and renovations.
- Increase security training for the Youth Home staff.
- Increase mandatory county training for Youth Home employees to comply with Durham County policies and procedures.

FY 2003-04 Highlights/Significant Changes

The Youth Home facility is in process of updating its security features due to a recent escape. The Youth Home's population is rapidly changing serious offenders and boundovers are becoming normal. The Youth Home is committed to maintain a secure environment by having security upgrades and a trained, knowledgeable staff.

